

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1359
By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Kenneth Edward
Shepard of Maryville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Kenneth Edward Shepard; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Shepard was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Shepard served with acumen and alacrity as a teacher and administrator during his illustrious career, earning the respect of his colleagues, students, and community for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, born on November 11, 1929, Kenneth Edwards attended Maryville High School and graduated from Maryville College with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Education in 1954; he obtained his Master's of Science degree in 1959, from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Edwards courageously served in the Korean War from 1950 to 1952, fighting to protect the freedoms and principles we all hold dear; and

WHEREAS, during his military career, Kenneth Shepard was captain of the Army football team at Fort Devins, Massachusetts, in 1952; and

WHEREAS, while in college, he served as an assistant football coach at Maryville College from 1954 to 1957; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Edwards began his teaching career at Maryville High School, where he served as a teacher and football coach from 1957 to 1963; and

WHEREAS, committed to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's youth, Kenneth Edwards served as a teacher, coach, and athletic director at Valley Point High School in Dalton, Georgia, and from 1967 to 1978, he served as a teacher and basketball coach at Lanier High School and served as the Principal of Lanier High School from 1978 to 1979; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Shepard completed his career in education with the Blount County School System as Supervisor from 1979 to 1990; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Mr. Shepard was inducted into the Maryville College Athletic Wall of Fame in 2002; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Kenneth Shepard was an active and faithful member of Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church for many years; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, Mr. Shepard always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Shepard was preceded in death by his parents, Everett and Margaret Bise Shepard; his brothers, Clarence Shepard and Joseph Shepard; and his sister, Ellen Shepard LeQuire; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shepard is survived by his loving wife, Jan Clemens Shepard; his sons, Randy Shepard and wife Sarah, Rick Shepard and wife Cindy, and Ken Lee Shepard and wife Melissa; his daughter, Tracy Pickens and husband Rick; grandchildren, Dustin Shepard, Derek Shepard, Tyler Pickens, Haley Pickens, and Blake Shepard; brother and sister-in-law, Frank and Helen Shepard; sister, Frances Reid; and several nieces, nephews, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Shepard epitomized the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to family that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shepard leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Kenneth Edward Shepard, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Shepard.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.